

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A friction reducing ship reduces frictional resistance between the external hull plate 1 and water W by ejecting air A from the external hull plate 1 into water W to generate micro-bubbles B on the surface of the external hull plate 1. A structural feature of the ship is that micro-bubbles B are generated by creating a negative pressure region in the water W admitted in the water intake opening 2a, disposed below the waterline WL in the bow section 1a, so as to eject atmospheric air above the water into the water to generate micro-bubbles B, and discharging the micro-bubbles B together with water to the water discharge opening 2b provided in the bottom section 1b.

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